Shadow

Week 1 - p9-39

1. What tree did they plant and why?
2. Who was Aman?
3. Why can Matt not see Aman?
4. What did Matt suggest his Grandpa did and what was his initial reaction?
5. What made Grandpa change his mind?
6. What impression do we get of the prison?
7. What game did they play and why?

Shadow

Week 2 – p 41-67

1. What did Grandpa say he would try to bring Aman on his next visit?
2. What did Grandpa do that made the guards cross? Why?
3. Why do you think Grandpa did not shout at the guard?
4. What photo did Aman show to Grandpa and why was it special to him?
5. Who killed Aman’s grandfather? What was the name of the group his grandfather was fighting with?
6. Where did Aman live?
7. Who killed Aman’s father?
8. In what ways was life hard for Aman and his family?

Shadow

Week 3 – p 69-104

1. What differences are there in the way dogs are treated in Afghanistan and England?
2. Why did Aman try to chase the dog away?
3. What was the family’s plan to escape Afghanistan?
4. How did they have enough money to get to England?
5. Why was the man at the market shouting at mother and what do we find out about why she was put in prison?
6. How is shadow helping Aman?
7. How would you have felt in Aman’s situation? Would you have been as brave?

Shadow

Week 4 - p107-135

1. Who came to the cave and what did they do?
2. What happened Grandma and why did Aman think she did not want to wake up?
3. What happened at the entrance to Kabul?
4. Why did they name the dog Shadow?
5. Why did they not want to sell the dog to the man in Kabul?
6. What did the man in the lorry tell Aman about Shadow?
7. What did Shadow do that was heroic?
8. Why do you think the army use dog’s in wars?

Shadow

Week 5 - p137-173

1. How long ago did the soldiers lose Shadow? Why?
2. Who, in England, was going to be delighted that the dog had been found?
3. Why was Shadow torn?
4. Where did they decide to hide their money?
5. What did the soldiers give Aman and why?

Shadow

Week 6 - p175-218

1. How did Aman get to England and what were the conditions like?
2. What was the significance of the little red train?
3. What country were they in when they got out of the container?
4. Who were the other people trying to escape and how did they know what would happen?
5. Who picked them up from the refugee camp and where did they hide?
6. What does Aman want to do when he grows up?
7. Who came to the door and why?
8. Why were they not allowed to stay on the plane?

Shadow

Week 7 - p221-251

1. Why do you think Grandpa was distracted by the little girl in the pink dress?
2. Why was Matt angry?
3. What is Matt’s idea for helping Aman?
4. What does procrastinating mean? ( use a dictionary)
5. What are they organising to help free Aman and his mother? How are they telling people about it?
6. What was disappointing?
7. What were the policemen saying on their radio as they walked up? Why?
8. Who turned up? Why was he looking frail?

Shadow

Week 8 – p 253-288

1. How had so many people heard about the protest?
2. Why do you think there were so many people from Aman’s school?
3. Why were the security guards looking more and more anxious?
4. What dampened their spirits and how did Grandpa raise them again?
5. What was the devastating announcement made to the crowd?
6. Who came and saved the day? Who did he bring with him?
7. What stopped the plane taking them back to Afghanistan?
8. Why did Brodie not write back when Aman wrote to him?
9. Write a paragraph about what you thought of this book. Did you enjoy it? Why/why not? What would you have changed?

Shadow

p9-39

1. What tree did they plant and why?

Cherry in memory of Grandma

1. Who was Aman?

Matts friend

1. Why can Matt not see Aman?

He is in prison and Matt cant visit

1. What did Matt suggest his Grandpa did and what was his initial reaction?

he visits Aman but he didn’t want to

1. What made Grandpa change his mind?

Grandma used to visit that prison

1. What impression do we get of the prison?

No smiles, unfriendly etc

1. What game did they play and why?

Monopoly because Aman played it with Matt and was very good at it

41-67

1. What did Grandpa say he would try to bring Aman on his next visit?

An apple from his garden

1. What did Grandpa do that made the guards cross? Why?

Took out a family picture because he was meant to show everything to security

1. Why do you think Grandpa did not shout at the guard?

to not cause more trouble

1. What photo did Aman show to Grandpa and why was it special to him?

Photo of the football team holding up his t-shirt with his name on it

1. Who killed Aman’s grandfather? What was the name of the group his grandfather was fighting with?

Russians, Mujahadin Resistance fighters

1. Where did Aman live?

Cave

1. Who killed Aman’s father?

Taliban

1. In what ways was life hard for Aman and his family?

Grandmother sick, hungry, cold, fear of Taliban

69-104

1. What differences are there in the way dogs are treated in Afghanistan and England?

Not allowed in the house, considered dirty

1. Why did Aman try to chase the dog away?

His mother would be angry if the dog was in the cave

1. What was the family’s plan to escape Afghanistan?

Go to Manchester with Uncle Mir

1. How did they have enough money to get to England?

Grandma had kept her jewellery for them to sell

1. Why was the man at the market shouting at mother and what do we find out about why she was put in prison?

He was Taliban and she was arrested to be tortured so she would not tell people about how Taliban had killed her husband

1. How is shadow helping Aman?

sleeping beside him and keeping him company

107-135

1. Who came to the cave and what did they do?

Taliban came and ransacked the cave

1. What happened Grandma and why did Aman think she did not want to wake up?

She hit her head when she fell and she thought they would go to England if she wasn’t there

1. What happened at the entrance to Kabul?

They took their papers and money

1. Why did they name the dog Shadow?

he stuck by them

1. Why did they not want to sell the dog to the man in Kabul?

He was going to use him as a fighting dog

1. What did the man in the lorry tell Aman about Shadow?

He was an army dog used to sniff out bombs

1. What did Shadow do that was heroic?

Sniffed out a bomb

137-173

1. How long ago did the soldiers lose Shadow? Why?

14 months, they were ambushed and she disappeared

1. Who, in England, was going to be delighted that the dog had been found?

Brodie’s daughter

1. Why was Shadow torn?

She wanted to stay with the soldiers and Aman

1. Where did they decide to hide their money?

In the heels of their shoes

1. What did the soldiers give Aman and why?

a badge to say thank you for finding Shadow

175-218

1. How did Aman get to England and what were the conditions like?

In a container, couldn’t speak, no toilet, no water or food, hot during the day and cold at night

1. What was the significance of the little red train?

Ahmed owned it and he died in the container

1. What country were they in when they got out of the container?

Turkey

1. Who were the other people trying to escape and how did they know what would happen?

An older couple wanting to visit their son and they had been caught twice before

1. Who picked them up from the refugee camp and where did they hide?

the old couple’s son and they hid in the caravan

1. What does Aman want to do when he grows up?

Be an engineer and build bridges

1. Who came to the door and why?

The police as they were illegal asylum seekers

1. Why were they not allowed to stay on the plane?

pilot said they were scaring the other passengers

221-251

1. Why do you think Grandpa was distracted by the little girl in the pink dress?

She wanted to be free but was locked in the prison

1. Why was Matt angry?

Aman had not told him his story and he thought he didn’t trust him

1. What is Matt’s idea for helping Aman?

write their story in the newspaper

1. What does procrastinating mean? ( use a dictionary)
2. What are they organising to help free Aman and his mother? How are they telling people about it?

Protest, twitter facebook etc

1. What was disappointing?

No-one turned up for the protest

1. What were the policemen saying on their radio as they walked up? Why?

Only 2 people and a dog, it was meant to be a mass protest

1. Who turned up? Why was he looking frail?

Uncle Mir, he had had a heart attack

253-288

1. How had so many people heard about the protest?

It was on national radio

1. Why do you think there were so many people from Aman’s school?

They knew him and were his friends

1. Why were the security guards looking more and more anxious?

The crowds were getting bigger

1. What dampened their spirits and how did Grandpa raise them again?

The rain, Grandpa started singing in the rain

1. What was the devastating announcement made to the crowd?

Aman and his mother were gone – they had been taken to Heathrow

1. Who came and saved the day? Who did he bring with him?

Brodie and Shadow

1. What stopped the plane taking them back to Afghanistan?

Ash cloud

1. Why did Brodie not write back when Aman wrote to him?

he had been badly wounded by a bomb and was in hospital

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